# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# FINANCE
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6244
ANSWERED ON:05.05.2000
TAX EVASION BY PRIVATE TELECOM OPERATORS
M.V.CHANDRASHEKHARA MURTHY;SHYAMA SINGH

**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Income Tax Department has urged the Government to make necessary amendments in the Income Tax Act, 1961 which exempts the private telecom operators from payment of tax on licence fees or revenue shared by DoT;

(b) if so, whether the private cellular and basic services telecom operators in the country are evading taxes to the tune of crores of rupees;

(c) if so, the facts thereof and details in this regard; and

(d) the reaction of the Government on the amendments in the Act?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE

(V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) , (c) & (d) : Does not arise.